

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK 2012 PRESEASON FORECASTS

Stock Group	2012 February Forecasts	2011 Actual Returns	2011 February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	127,000	109,300	133,500
Lower River Wild - LRW	16,200	15,200	12,500
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	63,800	69,600	116,400
Upriver Bright - URB	353,500	325,100	398,200
Snake River Wild - SRW*	NA	14,900	17,500
Bonneville Upriver Bright - BUB	24,600	28,600	37,600
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	66,200	56,300	62,400
Columbia River Total	651,300	604,100	760,600

*Subset of URB

2012 Forecasts

- ❖ LRH - About 40% greater than the 10-year average (91,700).
- ❖ LRW - Similar to 10-year average (15,000).
- ❖ BPH - About 40% less than the 10-year average (100,300). Similar to 2011 actual return.
- ❖ URB - 4th largest return since record keeping began in 1964.
- ❖ BUB - Similar to 2011 actual returns and about half of the 10-year average of 46,100.
- ❖ PUB - About 1/3 greater than the 10-year average (46,100).
- ❖ Total forecast of 651,300 Columbia River fall Chinook is similar to the last two years' actual returns and greater than the 10-year average of 569,400.

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